

107TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 2686

To prohibit States from carrying out certain law enforcement activities which have the effect of intimidating individuals from voting.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JULY 31, 2001

Mr. HILLIARD introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Voter Anti-
5 Intimidation Election Act of 2001”.

6 **SEC. 2. TREATMENT OF CERTAIN LAW ENFORCEMENT AC-**
7 **TIVITIES AS INTERFERENCE WITH ELECTION.**

8 Section 595 of title 18, United States Code, is
9 amended—

1 (1) by striking “Whoever” and inserting “(a)
2 Whoever”;

3 (2) by striking “This section” and inserting
4 “(c) This section”; and

5 (3) by inserting after the first paragraph the
6 following:

7 “(b) For purposes of subsection (a), if a law enforce-
8 ment officer of a State or local government carries out
9 any of the following activities on the date of an election
10 for Federal office, the officer shall be considered to be
11 using official authority for the purpose of interfering with
12 the nomination or election of a candidate described in such
13 subsection:

14 “(1) Attendance at any polling place for any
15 reason other than voting, responding to a request
16 from an official conducting the election at the poll-
17 ing place, or responding to a threat of violence or
18 harm directed at any person or property at the poll-
19 ing place.

20 “(2) The arrest of any individual on the
21 grounds that the individual has any outstanding
22 misdemeanor warrants.

23 “(3) The establishment of any traffic roadblock
24 unless a felony has been committed within the pre-
25 vious 24 hours (or is in the process of being com-

1 mitted) and the roadblock is necessary to prevent
2 the alleged felon from escaping.”.

3 **SEC. 3. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

4 Except as otherwise provided, this Act and the
5 amendments made by this Act shall apply with respect to
6 elections occurring after the date of the enactment of this
7 Act.

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